

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
in and for the STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE )	
NOTICE OF INTENT AND RECLAMATION PLAN )	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
SUBMITTED BY RANCHERS EXPLORATION & )	NO. ACT/037/022
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SAN JUAN )	
COUNTY, UTAH. )	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERALS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN TOWNSHIPS 29, 29 1/2, and 30 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, SLBM, SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval was given by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, on September 27, 1979, to Ranchers Exploration & Development Corporation, Box 6217, 1776 Montano Road, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87197, to commence underground random room and pillar uranium operations on portions of Sections 33 and 34, Township 29 South, Range 24 East; Section 26, Township 29 1/2 South, Range 24 East; Section 3, Township 30 South, Range 24 East, San Juan County, Utah. The name of the mine is the Small Fry Mine, and the person representing the company in this matter is Paul A. Mathews, Vice President, Ranchers Exploration & Development Corporation, P.O. Box 6217, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

Ranchers Exploration & Development Corporation has fulfilled obligations under the Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8, U.C.A., 1953, as amended), and will employ the following reclamation techniques on approximately 6 acres of located or purchased mining claims.

During Operations:

1. Access will be via existing roads.
2. Only pre-existing waste dumps will be utilized.
3. Mining will be conducted in a safe, orderly and workmanlike manner.

After Operations:

1. Shafts, tunnels and holes will be sealed to prevent unauthorized or accidental entry. Warning signs will be posted if there appears to be a likelihood of public access.

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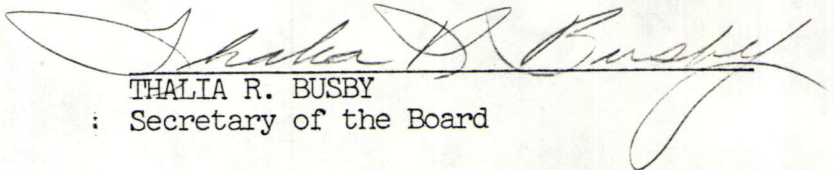
2. Trash and debris will be adequately disposed of.
3. Waste will be contoured to the surrounding terrain.
4. Disturbed areas will be harrowed and broadcast seeded with Crested Wheatgrass. Alternative grasses will be considered. Reseeding will be done if necessary.

Reclamation performance surety will be established upon final approval of the mining and reclamation plan.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest within 30 days of 1979, to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, setting forth factual reasons for his complaint, and thereafter at a time and place heretobe established, appear before the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining, to show cause, if any there be, why this plan should not be approved.

DATED this 27th day of September, 1979.

STATE OF UTAH  
BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

  
THALIA R. BUSBY  
: Secretary of the Board